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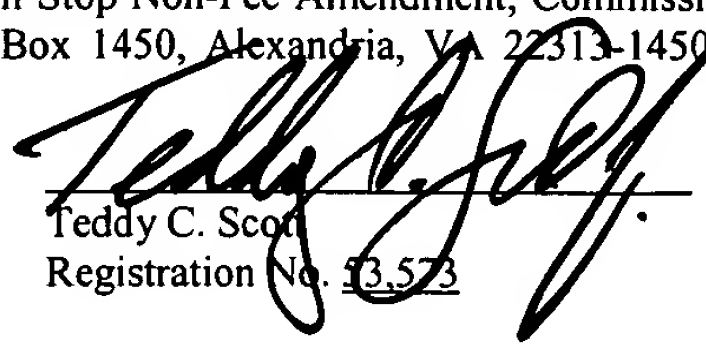
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111**

In response to the Office Action mailed February 20, 2004 (the "Office Action"), and in accordance with the Rule of Practice, please consider the remarks below. Pursuant to the election and amendments herein, claims 1-26 directed to non-elected Groups I-IV are cancelled and removed from further consideration. Applicants submit new claims 27-52. Upon entry of the amendments herein, claims 27-52 directed to elected Group V are under active consideration.

Submitted herewith is: 1) a Petition for a one-month Extension of Time, which extends the deadline for filing the reply from March 20, 2004 to April 20, 2004; and 2) a copy of the Revocation and Appointment of Power of Attorney to Howrey Simon Arnold & White LLP which was sent to the Patent Office on April 1, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all fees relating to the submission of these documents to Deposit Account No. 08-3038.

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## **I. ELECTION**

At page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C.

§ 1.121. Applicants hereby elect Group V (claim 27) drawn to a method of collecting oocytes for *in vitro* fertilization comprising administering to the subject a non-polypeptide cAMP level modulator.